



The Eagle's Nest

The Brooke Grove PTA Newsletter

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DEADLINE for next Eagle's Nest: Nov. 4th at 3:00 PM

Halloween Costume Ball

Have you gotten your tickets for the 3rd annual Halloween Costume Ball yet? Get your costumes ready, get your dancin' shoes on and get your tickets! It's almost here! See you at the ball.

Change of Meeting Place



Please make a note that our next PTA meeting will be held on November 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in **the media center at Farquhar Middle School** – not at our school – to enable us to view a Promethean Board demonstration. So...

Make Plans to Attend!

Our next PTA meeting will be held on November 3rd and we will learn all about Promethean Boards. We will see and participate in a live demonstration of this highly-interactive learning tool. We are currently raising funds so we can bring this technology to Brooke Grove for the benefit of all of our students. We will not be offering babysitting at this meeting, but rather encourage you to bring your children to learn with us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Art to Remember Update

Packets with your child's artwork and order forms to purchase keepsakes will be in the November 4th Wednesday folders. Please look them over and return orders quickly. There will only be one week (Nov. 4-11) to place an order so that the products can be delivered in plenty of time for the holidays. Please contact Shelly Niverth at 301-570-0938 or Niverth@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Holiday Basket Program



The Montgomery County Holiday Giving

Project is starting to collect names of needy families for the 2009 Holiday Basket

Program. This program provides food baskets for Thanksgiving and food baskets and gifts for the December holidays. The Holiday Basket Program is comprised of a large group of volunteers who seek to coordinate holiday giving efforts in the county. The project is coordinated by the Montgomery County Volunteer Center.

This project is meant to help any student from a low income family who participates in the free lunch and breakfast program or any other families that may need help with the holidays. All information is kept confidential. Each family will be informed by letter when, where, and how baskets may be picked up.

The cut-off date for referrals is October 30th for Thanksgiving and November 30th for the December holidays. Families who qualify or individuals with questions should contact Mr. Moran at 301-924-3154 or John_W_Moran@mcpsmd.org.

Happy Birthday, Staff!

Sabrina Finlay 11/1
Irene Cunningham 11/3
Toby Rosendorf 11/5



Special Needs Chair

The PTA is in need of someone to fill the position of Special Needs Chair. The Special Needs Chair is a liaison between the Learning Center and the PTA. The chair would also attend two MCCPTA Special Education Committee meetings held in December and February. If you are interested in volunteering for this important position, please contact Leslie Greenberg at 301-260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

For 5th Grade Parents

Mr. Moran has recently received application packets for current fifth graders interested in applying to the Grade 6 Magnet and Consortium programs offered by MCPS. He has also received several copies of a relatively new MCPS document designed to assist students in preparing for the tests required for the application process. The deadline to submit applications is Monday, November 9, 2009. The deadline for teacher recommendations and principal advocacy is Monday, December 14, 2009.

The number of applicants has increased significantly in the past few years for the programs that serve the current fifth graders. Students who wish to be considered for these programs should have outstanding skills in the respective fields of study, have strong motivation, strong organizational skills, and the ability to handle independent, long-term assignments. The application form, along with a copy of the test preparation booklet, can be downloaded at www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/curriculum/specialprograms. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Moran at 301-924-3154 or John_W_Moran@mcpsmd.org.

Get Ready to Bowl!



Brooke Grove's 4th annual Bowling Night will be held from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Friday, November 13th at White Oak Duckpin Bowling Lanes. The cost is \$13 per person for two games of bowling and shoe rental. Look for your order form in today's Wednesday folder. For more information, contact Audra Bray at 301-774-1582 or Dawn Jacob at 301-774-8345.

"We are the World" at BGES Food tasting, performances, crafts, and much more will occur at this year's International Night. We'll be celebrating on Friday, February 5th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Don't miss this opportunity for fun as we experience "We are the World" at Brooke Grove! Participation is free – just bring a dish serving 12-15 people to share. If you have questions, please contact Glenda Cole-Bobo at 240-472-5991.

School Directory Update

We are currently in the final stages of the directory and hope to have it distributed very soon. The directory will include artwork from Brooke Grove students. Each school year this is the first project Mrs. Intoccia works on with the children. They all work very hard and are truly excited that their artwork could potentially be included in the directory. Unfortunately, we can't use all of the artwork. We take about 10 pictures from each class. The artwork is given to members outside our community and they pick the best artwork from each grade along with the cover. The process of updating and gathering school information can take a bit of time. We appreciate your patience and we'll get those directories to you soon.



Craft Night Needs Volunteers

The Craft Night committee is looking for volunteers to help plan this event to be held on Tuesday, December 1st. If you would like to help, please contact Karen Castle at 301-570-4566 or karencastle@comcast.net.

Science Share Planning

The BGES Science Share will be held on Wednesday, February 24, 2010. It is never too early to start thinking about your project! Planning for this event has already begun. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Leslie or Michael Greenberg at 301-260-1998 or LeslieandMichaelGreenberg@gmail.com.

Bingo Night Thank You

Co-chairs Ginny Jones and Lori Post would like to thank all the parents and student volunteers for another successful Bingo Night. The kids had a great time and the prizes were better than ever. Both Mrs. West and Mr. Ross contributed to the festive evening by their terrific calling of the games and prize drawings!

The committee, including Kerri St. Laurent, Kerri Walenta, and Linda Deveau, worked hard to plan and implement the night's events. At Bingo Night, they were aided by a large and enthusiastic group of parents and students. A big thank you goes to the following volunteers: Lauren Alexander, Denise Baker, Lauren Baker, Dorothy Caporaletti, Carlos Castro, Seo Y Choi, Beverly Darnell, Natalie Edelschick, Andrea Fox, Rachael Fox, Susie Fuchs, Missy Glover, Morgan Hill, Sara Jacob, Yeon Jae, Hana Jones, Jared Lampshire, Kathy Loiacono, Dana Lynch, Debbie Metrey, Rachel Post, Edy Romero, Thomas St. Laurent, Ashley Stuart, Haley Stuart, Carmelina Tavarez, and Katie Bouvier Weinberg.

Theme Contest Winner



The Variety Show Committee would like to thank all the students who participated in the theme contest. The response was overwhelming and there was participation by

so many students who have never been involved with the show before. This year's theme will be "That's Entertainment". The winning theme was submitted by Meredith Kahan. She will win two tickets to the show in April.

Stay Tuned...

Now that we have chosen our Variety Show's theme, it's almost time for an artwork contest. Stay tuned for more information on submitting artwork for our program cover contest. The winner of the contest will have their artwork appear on the show program cover. We will also try to put as many additional entries into the program as possible. Information regarding this contest and a form to submit will be distributed in the next couple of weeks.

Mark Your Calendar



Fri, Oct 30.....	Halloween Parties & Halloween Costume Ball End of 1 st marking period
Mon, Nov 2.....	NO SCHOOL
Tues, Nov 3.....	PTA Meeting at Farquhar Middle School
Nov 11 – 12.....	Early Release & Parent Conferences Report Cards Distributed
Fri, Nov 13.....	Bowling Night
Thurs, Nov 19...	Groups & Make-up Pictures
Wed, Nov 25.....	Early Release
Nov 26 – 27.....	NO SCHOOL
Tues, Dec 1.....	Craft Night